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SUBJECT: PAN CANAL NEGOTIATORS' WRAP UP

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1. FOLLOWING A LONG HARD AFTERNOON'S BARGAINING, NEGOTIATIONS WERE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED APPROX 5:30 P.M. WHEN THE PRINCIPAL NEGOTIATORS AGREED ON THE FINAL FEW POINTS SEPERATING THE U.S. AND PANAMANIAN SIDES AND WERE THUS ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON NEW TREATY.

2. AFTER CONCLUSION ON THE NEGOTIATIONS, U.S. CHIEF NEGOTIATORS, AMBS BUNKER AND LINOWITZ, JOINED WITH CHIEF PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATOR ROMULO ESCOBAR BETHANCOURT IN A BRIEF JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE. AMB BUNKER READ PREPARED TEXT CONTAINED IN STATE'S 189535. ECSOBAR MADE SHORT STATEMENT ANNOUNCING AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE AND THAT FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOLLOWING STUDY BY CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT GENERAL TORRIJOS.

3. FOLLOWING JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AMBS BUNKER, LINOWITZ AND JORDEN ACCOMPANIED PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATORS ON SHORT CORDIAL VISIT TO GEN TORRIJOS WHO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AND PLEASURE AT WORK THEY HAD ACCOMPLISHED.

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RM AMBS BUNKER, LINOWITZ AND GEN DOLVIN THEN HELD PRESS BACKGROUNDER FOR U.S. MEDIA AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE. DURING BACKGROUNDER WHICH BEGAN AT 8:00 P.M. AND LASTED APPROX ONE HOUR AMBASSADORS DREW HEAVILY FROM CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK PAPER WHICH CLOSELY FOLLOWED CANAL TREATY FACT SHEET NO. 2 CONTAINED STATE 6710. PRESS QUESTIONS CENTERED ON DEFENSE TOPICS.

5. AMBS BUNKER AND LINOWITZ PLAN TO DEPART PANAMA 0830 LOCAL
TIME VIA SPECIAL AF AIRCRAFT AND ARRIVE ANDREWS AIRFORCE
BASE AT 14:40 EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME.
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